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Avondale U. F. W. A. Social Evening Distinct Success, January 7

Spelling Match—Button Hole and Coin Contest Among
Items on a Very Enjoyable Program—
Musical Talent of High Order

The Avondale U.F.W.A. held an enjoyable social evening at Passendale school on Saturday, January 7th. The program consisted of two interesting contests and a spelling match interspersed by musical numbers. Mr. Geo. Taylor kindly acted as chairman, and also conducted the spelling match.

The first prize for the buttonhole contest, for the men, was won by Mr. W. Johnston, who proved himself very skillful with the needle; the second prize to Chas. Anderson, who will no doubt become quite an expert with a little more practice. Miss Vera Pollard won first prize for ladies in the coin contest, while Chas. Anderson and Jack Ballantine had an equal number of correct answers, it being Charles' lucky day, he won when a coin was tossed to decide the winner.

Mrs. Taylor, president, was the champion speller of the evening. Mrs. Prothow played three violin solos which were very much enjoyed. Miss F. Allen and Mr. W. Leveson sang a duet accompanied by Mrs. Prothow. Lucy Thompson and Howard Riddle sang, "School Days," also a solo by Howard Riddle with a guitar accompaniment by Billy Whiteley. The latter three items were responded to by encores. An amusing dialogue was given by Mrs. J. Craig, Lucy Thompson, Angelina, Harold, and Albert Craig, and Geo. Strachan. Community singing and God Save the King brought the program to a close after which a splendid lunch was served by members of the local. The committee wish to thank all those who helped make the evening a success.

ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the Avondale U.F.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. J. Thompson on December 15, with an almost full attendance of members and many visitors present. The meeting opened by singing a Christmas hymn and repeating the 23rd Psalm in unison.

The quilt blocks which the members had made were collected and it

was decided to have a quilting bee early in the New Year. Arrangements were made to hold a free social evening on January 7th.

A solo by Miss Lucy Thompson was much appreciated, also a short talk by Mrs. Caesar on a favorite Bible promise.

The election of officers resulted in all officers being re-elected for 1933. They are as follows: Mrs. A. A. Taylor, president; Mrs. J. Thompson, vice-president, and Mrs. J. Ballantine, secretary-treasurer.

An exchange of Christmas gifts was carried out in the following way. Each member brought one or more inexpensive gifts which were put into a fish pond, with Mrs. W. Johnston in charge. Visiting ladies and members each drawing a package.

The meeting closed by singing "Silent Night," after which an unusually delicious lunch was served by the hostess. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Thompson brought the final meeting of the year to a close.

Large Number of Women Acquire Homestead Land

Almost one-third of the homesteads taken up in Alberta since July 2, 1931, under the new government regulations, have been secured by women, according to the agricultural department of the Canadian National Railways. The number of homesteads taken up by women in that period is 2292 compared with 5,012, taken by men. When Alberta took over its own lands from Federal control, the regulations governing homesteading rights were changed to provide for a three-year residence in the province before entry for homestead land could be made. The new regulations also allowed women, whether married, single or widows, to take up land.

A careful observer notes that a mother's worry is—just on the furniture; and a daughter's worry is—shine on the nose.

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Irma, Alberta, Canada, Friday, January 13th, 1933.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN—

The following items of news composed "Main Street," many years ago?
—Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Toll were Wainwright visitors last Monday.
Miss Jean Stevens spent the week end at the Cliff Toll home.

W. B. Peterson left Tuesday for Didsbury on receiving word that his father was seriously ill.

H. W. Love of the co-operative company, has been confined to the house with a very bad cold the last week.

H. Long went up to Edmonton on Saturday evening. After a short stay there he intends going east for the winter.

Rev. Pomeroy and wife and their little family left Wednesday noon to spend the winter months in the east.

We are pleased to state that Mrs. A. W. Toll is getting along nicely. Mrs. Toll was operated on November 8th in the Strathcona hospital.

Mrs. M. McGregor left Saturday evening for Los Angeles, Cal., where she intends spending the winter months with her mother and sisters.

Miss Mildred Parson left for her home in Edmonton this week. She has been teaching at the Albert school the past eight months and will be missed very much in the district.

A very enjoyable dance was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKillop last Friday night. A large crowd attended. Messrs. Henderson and Christensen furnished the music.

(Were published on December 2nd, 1915).

CLASS '33 GRADUATION GIFT.

It has become one of the traditions of the University that each graduating class should make a gift to the University by which its name will be kept in remembrance. The class of '33 has selected as its gift a very splendid pastel portrait of a Long Squirrel Tail, Blackfoot Indian, by Mr. N. Gaudinsson, an accomplished artist in this medium who is acquiring an international reputation.

The National Gallery at Ottawa has recently purchased several magnificent examples of his portraiture of Indians, and the University is fortunate in possessing now, through the generosity of the class of '33, a noble example of Mr. de Gaudinsson's art.

Bank of Montreal Report

Retail Business Helped by Christmas Buying—Total Turnover Below
That of Year Ago—Index of Unemployment Does Not
Rise—Bright Spot Seen as Navigation Closes

The year drew to a close with little improvement in general trade. Retail business has felt the spirit of Christmas buying in a moderate way, although in the total turnover has been well below that of a year ago. Wholesale distribution has been quiet, as is incidental to the season, and commodity prices have in many instances touched new lows, notably in the cases of wheat and livestock. Indeed, farm products generally have fallen so greatly that the purchasing power of nearly one-half the population is seriously reduced. Larger production has been more than offset by lower prices, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics placing the total value of the field crops of Canada in 1932 at \$2,457,000, being \$2,000,000 less than in 1931, and \$235,000,000 less than in 1932. The depressed state of the lumber industry will result in a smaller cut of timber this winter and less seasonal employment in that occupation, and there are no large public works under construction to absorb labour. The index of unemployment, however, does not rise. Manufacturing establishments are, for the most part, working well below capacity, textile and silk mills being an exception.

The season of navigation recently closed was better than that of last year. Arrivals of ocean vessels at the port of Montreal, 963, were more numerous than in any year since 1928, and shipments of wheat were 1,700,000 bushels. Inward cargoes of general merchandise were light, but trade in bituminous coal reached a new high mark, more than 1,100,000 tons having been brought to the port of Montreal. The port of Vancouver has also had a busy year, doubling its export of wheat.

Although there was a decrease of \$11,500,000 in the export of Canadian wheat in November from the corresponding month last year, the value of the trade has been excellent in only one month since December, 1931. Imports rose slightly in November, \$74,000, and were \$9,142,000 less than a year ago. Total external trade last month, \$83,713,000, shows a decline of \$20,844,000 from the year before, and in the last eight months the decrease is \$189,350,000. In the twelve months to November the excess of exports was \$40,113,000.

The decreased value of exports in November as compared with November, 1931, was principally due to lower prices of wheat, newsprint and lumber. The export of wheat, for example, was as large as a year ago, but the value was \$3,641,000 less. The value of newsprint exported last month was \$2,188,000 less than in November, 1931, a drop of 25 per cent against a decrease of 10 per cent in quantity, and in the case of lumber the decrease was 44 per cent in value and 32 per cent in volume. A favourable feature of the month was foreign trade in automobiles and parts, exports of which increased \$703,000 in November and valued \$402,000 in the last eight months. An interesting phase of the November return is the swing of Canada's export trade to Great Britain from the United States, for while there was a decrease of \$2,067,000 in the former trade, the decrease in shipments to the United States was \$6,241,000. This trend promises to become more marked as time goes on by reason of the preferential tariffs the United States has recently enacted. Economic in November was 161,334 tons, being the highest output in any month since June. Shipments exceeded production, reducing stocks at mills by 2,950 tons to a total of 45,481 tons.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that there has been introduced in the council of the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, a bylaw of the following is a short synopsis:

"Bylaw No. 37: To provide for the care and medical treatment of the indigent sick residing within the boundaries of this municipal district.

"That it shall be lawful for the Reeve and Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, to execute on behalf of the said municipal district, a certain prepared agreement with the Wainwright Municipal Hospital District, No. 17, for the care and medical treatment of its indigent sick which agreement shall be in substance similar to that set out in Schedule 'A' of this Bylaw.

"The Hospital District to receive and care for such of the sick indigent residents of the said municipal district.

"The Municipal District agrees to pay to the Hospital District for the care of such indigent residents admitted to the hospital at the rate of \$5.00 per patient per year and in addition \$1.00 per hospital day while such patient is an inmate of the hospital, this charge to include the usual hospital service in Public Ward."

And that a copy of the same may be seen at each of the following places: Sunny Brae School House,

the smallest stock in any month since July, 1931, with one exception, Canadian production continues to be about double that of the United States, but low prices cut into profit. Thus, the newsprint exports in November had a value of \$2.15 per cwt., compared with \$2.57 per cwt. in the corresponding month last year. An increasing output of gold in Ontario features the mining field, total production in that province during the elapsed eleven months of the year being \$42,637,818, an increase of \$9,804,044 over 1931. Three new mines were brought into production last month. The gold production of Ontario is now about three-fourths of that of all Canada. Production of metals is checked by low prices, these having again dropped to the lowest levels of the year. Export of copper in November increased 113, 650 cwt. over November last year, and the last eight months has been 461,585 cwt. larger than in the corresponding period last year, with a small increase in total value. Exports held up fairly well in November, but are down 50 per cent on the last month's shipments.

The statement of chartered banks at October 31st shows more active business during that month than for some time previously. Current loans rose \$14,702,000, for the second time only in thirteen months, but are still \$122,287,000 below a year ago. Demand deposits rose \$12,622,000, and notice deposits increased \$23,850,000 and Provincial Government deposits \$8,832,000. The banks held at the end of October \$515,536,000 of Government bonds, the largest amount on record. Bank debits for November, \$2,400,000, a decrease of \$2,842,000,000, as compared with \$2,842,000,000 in November, 1931.

In the foreign exchanges, in marked contrast to last year, the premium for the United States dollars declined steadily during the first half of December, reaching a low point of 13 1/2 cents, but since then there has been a later recovery to 14 1/2 and 1/2 per cent. Sterling has been fairly steady, ranging during the past month between 3/4 and 3/8. French francs, reichsmarks, belgas, lire and Swiss francs have fluctuated with the United States dollar, but Swedish kronor and Norwegian kroner, in keeping with sterling, have varied little. Overshadowed by the international debt situation, the bond market has been dull and comparatively inactive, and prices for the most part have shown little change.

Prairie Provinces—Manufacturing has been quiet, but the volume of wholesale and retail trade is disappointing. Grocery sales, however, continue in satisfactory volume and continued cold weather has stimulated the movement in woollens, footwear and heavy clothing. Fuel is in seasonal demand, particularly wood and coal. Christmas shopping has been quiet, and while an impetus is expected in the final days of the month, the dollar value will likely be considerably below last year. The trend is toward lower-priced merchandise. Retail trade is at a very low ebb, with sales running below last year. Wheat prices have declined to best grade of wheat. Cash wheat closed on the 28th instant at 39 1/2 cents. Livestock markets were inactive, the demand being affected by the large supplies of cheap poultry available. Little new building construction is being undertaken, operations being largely confined to alterations and repairs. Permits issued in Winnipeg for November totalled over \$30,000 compared with 206,100 for the same month last year.

Almer Mater School House, Rosberry School House, Strawberry Plains House, Glenholm School House, Battle Heights School House, Crescent Hill School House, Ross School House, Paschenchade School House, Lewisville School House, Fabyan Post Office, Plaxton School House, Silver Lane School House, Irma Post Office, and the office of the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, Irma, Alberta.

And further that unless within 30 days from the publication of this notice, at least fifteen per cent of the proprietary electors of the municipal district petition the council to submit such bylaw to the vote of the proprietary electors of the Municipal District the council will proceed to pass the same.

CHAS. WILBRAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Municipal District of Battle River,
No. 423, Irma, Alberta,
January 7th, 1933.

AUTO LICENSES IN ALBERTA
The number of auto licenses in Alberta for 1932 was 85,565, a decrease of 8,151 from 1931. Of the total, 71,433 were for passenger cars and 14,132 for trucks and other licenses. The peak year for licenses was 1930 when the total passed the 100,000 mark.

BUTTER PRODUCTION
Alberta's production of creamery butter was slightly less in 1932 than in 1931, when the record amount of 22,900,000 lbs. was produced. The production this year will likely be in the neighborhood of 20,000,000 lbs.

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Some Tali Tales Told in the Tall Timber

There seems to be no way to account for the latest story to reach the fish and game department of the Canadian National Railways except to decide that some fisherman has taken up hunting.

The story comes from Pictou County, N.S., and the spinner of the yarn insists on preserving his anonymity. It is easy to understand why. He seems he left camp for a spring about twenty-five yards away. He carried with him a small rifle and a flat dish. He filled both with water and started back. Enroute a bull moose stepped out of the brush, lowered his head and drank all the water from the dish. Then he turned the hunter in the nose and the hunter exhibits a large bruise on his nose.

Well, net to be outdone, along comes a duck hunting party from Grand Pre with this tale. One member of the party is a duck hunter. He slung them over his shoulder and started for camp. The birds proved a bit too heavy so he put them down on the ground while he rested himself. While he was resting, one of the geese came to life, gave a warning "honk" and flew over the hunter's head.

Will someone kindly page the Baron Munchausen?

RADIOGRAMS

C. T. Marshall reports this over WCNR: "My that's a terrible black eye you've got." "Say, that's not a black eye—that's a birth mark." "How did that happen?" "I stuck my head in a frog's berth."

It was an honor to Edmonton when the C.P.R. organized a "Radio Week" from the studio of the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on the all-Canada hook-up. Her lovely voice was heard to advantage. Was it a year ago she was motoring through Viking? She is an Alberta product and we join in congratulating her on this evidence of her success.

WCCO: "My boy you should be thrifty, like me. I planted turnip seed and got a big crop." "No, it is no good for me to try anything like that. I planted a lot of seed once and never got a feather." "You did? What kind of seed did you plant?" "Bird seed!"

Will J. Speers says he gets most pleasure out of the Northern Hard-ware store, such as the one in Sault Ste. Marie, S. Mich. It is a favorite station, bringing in the Columbia network programs, with lots of power. It must be a big station in that watta.

Eddie Cantor, on NBC, Sunday evenings, from 8 to 9, says he may have heard over CFCN, KFO, etc. He is the biggest laugh going. He went hunting and noted 500 ducks coming down stream, and 500 geese, and a snake at his feet. In his excitement he let go both barrels as well as the ramrod. And what happened? Oh, one barrel killed all the ducks, the other barrel got all the geese, while the ramrod killed the snake. The conclusion was that he let the bank into the river and he came up with his boots full of fish.

The General Motors on Saturday evening sponsored a Canada broadcast of the hockey game between Detroit and Toronto. The game was a hot game served on sizzling hot plates. So many of the players formerly performed in Western Canada that their names were familiar to local sport followers. To get an earful of one of the big games is a real treat.

Cantor gave us some new slants on this new technology. He explained that the engineers were planning to introduce jumping beans to the cooking of flapjacks. Then these would flop over themselves.

Do you let your radio run you or do you direct it to the programs that are not only entertaining but elevating? Radio is the greatest educator of all times. It has the greatest effect upon the family and particularly the children. Pictures are more impressive working through the eyes but radio works a hundred hours to one of the movie. Take a radio in your home, where the best program is to be found. It will pay to direct the radio judiciously.

Six Bird Sanctuaries Maintained by Alberta

There are six provincial bird sanctuaries in Alberta with an area of 264 square miles. These sanctuaries are fully maintained by the province, having been taken over when Alberta acquired rights to its natural resources from the Federal Government. In addition there are five small sanctuaries that are maintained by cities or private citizens, according to the fish and game department of the Canadian National Railways. Alberta has 3 public shooting areas with a total area of 36,800 square miles.

ALBERTA OIL PRODUCTION
Production of oil in Alberta for the month of November totalled 64,990 barrels, of which 60,449 barrels were naphtha from Turner Valley, the balance being crude oil from the Turner Valley and Red Coulee fields.

Maintaining A Long-Established Position in Canadian Banking



When the Dominion of Canada was established in 1867, the Bank of Montreal, then already half a century old, had nearly a fourth of the total paid-up banking capital of Quebec and Ontario, and more than a fourth of the banking assets of those two provinces.

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Her Heart Was Weak

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Mrs. A. Black, Wallaceburg, Ont., writes:—
"I suffered from heart weakness, shaky nerves, and restless nights.
I saw your advertisement for Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and decided to try them although I did not have much faith, but now I am very thankful I did as they have proved of wonderful help to me.
I am now strong and well again, but am never without a box in the house."

For sale at all drug and general stores; put up only by The T. Milburn Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Paying The War Debt

Great Britain's war debt to the United States was the subject of a recent article in this column in which it was pointed out that that debt was contracted by Britain, not to finance its own war expenditures, but in order to enable it to bolster up its Allies who had reached the end of their financial resources. The fact was further noted that the United States did not lend gold to Britain for this purpose, but extended credit for the purchase of supplies of all kinds in the United States, thus providing employment at high wages for United States workmen and producers, and very large profits to the people of that country out of the high war prices then prevailing. Attention was also drawn to the fact that, following the war, the United States insisted upon repayment of these credits in gold; that it refused to accept goods and services from Britain; and that, to prevent the possibility of repayment being made in goods it raised its tariff to prohibitive heights, thus largely shutting out British goods.

The further fact was noted that Great Britain had made a gallant attempt to meet all its obligations to the United States in gold, even under these almost impossible conditions, improving its own people in so doing, and finally being forced to abandon the gold standard, while at the same time in order to prevent the complete collapse of Europe it agreed to practically wipe out all payments due to Britain by Germany. In conclusion, we submitted that the time had arrived when Great Britain, unable any longer to make payment in gold, should say to the United States that, while it was in no sense repudiating its debt, because of the impossibility of continuing gold payments it would refrain from making any further payments except in the same manner as the United States provided the credit, namely, in goods and services.

This particular article came to the notice of a paper published in Montana, which reproduced it in full, saying it was more moderate in its presentation of the British viewpoint than most papers, and that, in some ways the viewpoint expressed was reasonable enough but in other ways unintelligible to the U.S. citizen. Then, in a friendly way, this U.S. paper refers to the fact that "England seems able to devote some 400 millions annually to military purposes yet moans pitifully at the thought of paying one-fifth of that sum on her debt over here." It then refers to France's expenditure of \$41 millions on her war machine, Italy's \$31 millions for a like purpose, etc.

One can, of course, appreciate this point of view on the part of U.S. people, but the fact must not be lost sight of that Great Britain has reduced her military expenditures to a greater extent than any other country; that with a world-encircling Empire she is spending less, not only proportionately, but actually, than the United States, much less than France, and that she is the foremost advocate of disarmament in the world today. Be it noted, too, that the one-fifth payment mentioned by this U.S. paper has to be made every six months, therefore it is actually equal to two-fifths of Britain's military expenditures. Furthermore, the military expenditures do not have to be met in payments of gold, but in part by thousands of soldiers and sailors, clothing, food and equipment for them, thus maintaining thousands of families that would otherwise have to be supported by relief expenditures. But Uncle Sam refuses supplies of any and all kinds and demands gold, nothing but gold, which Britain no longer possesses in the quantities required because it is now stored away in vaults in the United States and France.

This U.S. paper says further that people outside the United States are prone to forget that some years ago the United States scaled down the amounts due by all its debtor nations. True, but in the scaling down what happened? We have before us a statement of the amounts owing by all nations to the United States prior to the payments of December 16. It shows that Great Britain owes \$4,900,000,000 principal and \$6,505,965,000 interest. That is, in its bargain with Britain the U.S. is to collect interest nearly one and one-half times greater than the principal sum. But in the case of France the U.S. asks only \$2,822,674,000 interest on a principal debt of 4,025,000,000, while in the case of Italy with a principal debt of \$2,042,000,000, the U.S. asks only \$365,677,000 in interest.

Or lumping all the debts together, the principal amount is \$11,522,354,000, of which Britain and France each owe approximately one-third, while the interest amounts to \$10,621,185,000, of which amount Britain is called upon to pay \$6,505,965,000, or over two-thirds of the total. Where, we think it may well be asked, is the fairness in such a form of scaling down or of settlement?

Yet Britain is the one nation that is making the most determined effort to pay. It has not defaulted one payment, or one dollar. It has never even hinted at repudiation. All that was suggested in this column was that the United States give it a chance to pay in goods and services instead of gold, seeing that it is now utterly impossible to continue to pay in gold, always remembering that the United States did not lend gold to Britain but granted credits for goods and supplies of all kinds purchased in the United States, which business added enormously to the wealth of the people of the republic, and a goodly percentage of which was actually paid to the United States Government in the form of income and other taxes imposed on the wealth thus created by Britain's purchases.

If the United States objects to any revision of the debt refunding agreement made with Britain? If it still persists in a tariff policy which makes it impossible for Britain to pay in goods and services, and insists on gold nothing but gold, then, we repeat, Britain will be fully justified in withholding gold payments, which it is impossible for her to continue to make, and let the debt stand until such time as the United States changes its policy.

If one man owed another for goods he had obtained from him and found, owing to circumstances entirely beyond his control, that he could not pay in cash but offered to pay in goods of his property he possessed, then every person would say the creditor should accept what his debtor was able and willing to pay; that it was the sensible, the business-like thing to do.

Starts Air Ferry Service

Air ferry service will connect the Isle of Wight with the mainland of England beginning this summer. Multi-engined planes will be used, and the trip will take only seven minutes. The airports will be at Hyde, Isle of Wight, and Portsmouth, England, and couriers will also be made with London. Intercontinental air and rail tickets will be supplied.

Apple Has Red Pulp

Congressman-elect F. H. Shoemaker, Farmer-Laborite, after 12 years of amateur experimenting—bunking as he terms it—in his back yard at Appleton, Wis., where he used to live, produced a russet apple with a red pulp.

A Regular House Dog

John Brownson of Leek, England, celebrating his golden wedding anniversary, said that keeping peace in the family had been no problem at all—he says home nights. For fifty years he has stayed home every night except one. "On that one night I sat up with a sick friend," he explains. He has never seen the sea or movie—too busy staying home nights.

Thankfully Received

Friend: "Why are you so jubilant?" Country Editor: "I just received another fine contribution from Farmer Brown's pen." Friend: "Huh! What was it?" Country Editor: "A fine fat pig-n subscription."

Looking For New Job

Lord Mayor's Head Chef Has Enjoyed Year Of Hard Work

F. G. Bowles, chief of the Mansion House kitchen in London, England, has doffed his tall, white chef's hat and snowy coat and said goodbye to the Mansion House All through Sir Maurice Jenks' year of office as Lord Mayor, Mr. Bowles has presided over the kitchen. "It has been one of the hardest and happiest years of my life," said Mr. Bowles, who is only 37, and is looking for fresh cooking worlds to conquer. He pointed to a 350-years-old table in the kitchen and to the huge coal cooking range on which, if need be, he can prepare meals for 1,000 people at once. "The King and Queen have visited his stronghold of shining copper utensils and up-to-date cooking devices. 'One of the outstanding events of the year,' he said, 'was when I made one of the biggest wedding cakes on record. This was for the wedding of the Lord Mayor's son. The cake weighed a quarter of a ton and stood seven feet high—much taller than myself. I used three-quarters of a hundredweight of sugar on it. It took most of my spare time for seven weeks' Mr. Bowles who is an artist in food, leaving nothing to chance. He buys everything, tastes everything, and anticipates everything—such as the unexpected addition of about fifty more guests to dinner. He thinks nothing of a little tea party of 400 people. In his spare time he thinks of new dishes."

Chinese Book Of Etiquette

Social Guide To Be Issued By Government

The Chinese Government has decided to issue an official book of etiquette to guide the people during these days of sweeping changes in the social system.

The Ministry of the Interior has taken the matter in hand, and several leading officials of the Ministry are giving it their attention.

An official of the Ministry explained: "The influx of modernism has swept away many established Chinese social customs. Hybrid innovations have replaced them. There is no longer an approved 'right way' for doing anything."

"We propose, therefore, to standardize all important rituals, and to set rules for even the most ordinary salutations. We are sure the people will appreciate guidance in such matters."

Chance To Make Fortune

By Discovery Of Where Sprats Spend The Summer

Where do sprats go in the summer? There is a fortune for anyone who can find out.

Thousands of pounds have been spent by British Government departments and fishing companies in attempting to find where these little fish live during nine months of the year.

"The man who finds the answer to the riddle will be a millionaire within a few months," said an official of the British Trawlers' Association the other day.

"The sprat is found in British waters between November and February. Then he vanishes; no one has ever found him."

Knew What She Wanted

Lawyer's Wife Gave Her Reason For Refusing Summons

The wife of a lawyer—a bride of three months—was somewhat surprised the other day when a strange man appeared at the door of her apartment and ascertaining her name, informed her that he had a summons for her.

"But I don't want any summons," protested the young woman.

"It isn't a question of your wanting it—you've got to take it," said the process server, handing her the paper.

"But I won't take it," again protested the bride. "My husband's a lawyer, and if I want a summons I'll get him to give me one."

Persian Balm is irresistibly appealing to all women who appreciate charm and elegance. Its use keeps the complexion always clear and beautiful. Tonic in effect. Stimulates the skin and makes it wonderfully soft-textured. Softens and whitens the hands. Persian Balm is equally invaluable to men as an excellent hair fixative and cooling shaving lotion. Splendid also to protect the tender skin of the child.

Cotton and artificial silk material that cannot crease or wrinkle is now being made by a new manufacturing process.

W N U, 1974

Where Mother-In-Law Rules

No One Disputes Her Supreme Authority In China

One thing about China is that they can't understand any of the "mother-in-law" jokes of the American.

It so happens that, in the land where chop suey is unknown the mother-in-law is the head of the family, according to Magruder Maury, professor of journalism, and once connected with Chinese newspapers.

"The mother-in-law in China is the supreme master of the destinies of the family fireside," said Maury.

"She rules with an iron hand and plays an integral part in the social and business life of her son-in-law, which is a different picture we have of the down-trodden maid."

"China may be easily called the 'Land of the woman's emancipation movement, although it is usurped by our own members of that sex.'"

Maury said Chinese were not immovable by passions.

"Emotionally the oriental is just as deeply moved by joy and tragedy as we are, but he shows it in an altogether different way. Their incurable countenance is just as readable as our beaming smiles can be to those who understand them."

Device Next Thing To Perpetual Motion

Machine Produces Power Without Fuel Or Human Aid

The nearest thing to man's oldest and most futile dream—perpetual motion—was on exhibition at Grand Central Palace, New York, at the national exposition of power and mechanical engineering.

The machine produces power without fuel or human aid. Engineers said it was so near to perpetual motion that only an engineer could understand why it wasn't.

George H. Gibson, Philadelphia engineer, explained he "threw the machine together" in his spare time.

The machine works on a thermodynamic principle, utilizing water and vapor to produce its power. The vapors are invisible so the machine apparently operates without a source of energy.

Engineers explained the chief reason it was not perpetual motion was that its parts would wear out and that it could be stopped.

Reason Coast City Is Considered Rainy

Vancouver's Fall This Year Enough To Float Fleet Of Liners

Since Jan. 1, 1932, slightly over 180,000 tons of water have fallen on Vancouver.

And if all that rain had remained where it fell—instead of this bustling Pacific Coast seaport there would be a lake, 44 square miles in area and almost five feet deep.

And if it had been boxed up in a reservoir, say one-quarter that size, the "Empress of Japan," and all her sister ships could be floated upon it.

While Vancouver's annual rainfall can always float most of the boats that nose their way in and out the Narrows, this year has been more dampish than usual.

Meteorological records show that the average yearly precipitation over a 26-year period there is 55.13 inches. But this year, with a month to go, it totaled 56.49 inches. So, it looks as though 1933 would go down in history as a really wet year.

Adds Another Invention

Pioneer Of Brandon Has Several To His Credit

H. L. Powers, a pioneer of the city of Brandon, has added to his list of inventions with an ash container and incinerator. Mr. Powers settled in Brandon in 1851, and has to his credit a number of patents, including a four-horse elevator for a binder, a grain car door, two grain car unloaders, and a clothes line tightener.

He recently exhibited a model of the concrete incinerator for inspection, and it is said to be economical in construction and in operation. It is conceded to be a most sanitary way of disposing of garbage, and can serve four households in the same vicinity.

Pensioners Must Stay Home

Retired German officials must stay in Germany if they wish to have their pensions. The government has informed those enjoying Mediterranean or other foreign resorts that unless they return within six months their pensions shall be forfeited. The object of the rule is to help in preserving Germany's foreign currency reserves.

A European naturalist declared recently that butterflies sing to their young.

Game Warden's Fish Story

Salmon On Flooded Road Made Him Stop Car

Game Warden C. H. Pike, of Vancouver, has a new fish story and he sticks to it. He says that while driving his automobile along the Bose Road, near Cowichan, ten miles east of New Westminster, he had to stop to let a salmon pass.

"I was driving along the flooded section of the road and noticed something moving in the water on the road ahead of me," related Pike. "I halted the car and waded along through the water to see what it was. Sure enough, it was a big salmon making slow progress along the road. When it saw me, of course, it started away, so I couldn't bring it home for supper—and evidence."

Thousands of acres in the Fraser and Serpentine Valley were under water as a result of recent floods. Mild weather melted the early snow in the hills and heavy rainfall in other sections contributed to the flow of water to the low land. Farmers in the Skagit River country, where roads in some places were two feet under water, are said to have made some good catches of fish in their hayfields.

Kootenay National Park

Wonderous Natural Beauty Proves Great Attraction To Tourists

Kootenay National Park, established to preserve the natural beauty of the area along the western part of the Banff-Windermere Highway, has many claims on the tourist. On each side of the highway nature's handicraft remains in all its vivid beauty. In the Sinclair section, where the motorist enters from the west, sheer rock walls coloured in places with a brilliant red as if artificially stained with pigments, rise from the little stream. Deer, bighorn sheep, elk, moose, and Rocky Mountain goat may be seen feeding fearlessly on the grassy slopes and practically every valley holds a sparkling lake or brook teeming with fish. At Sinclair are also the famous hot springs, renowned for the therapeutic value of their waters.

One Reason For Advertising

Only Way Some People Know What Is For Sale

Modern life is much different today from what it was a decade ago. Today a great deal of buying is done over the telephone.

This in turn, means that opportunities for purchases advantageous to the buyers are now almost completely centred in newspaper advertising.

The modern housewife knows what she wants, knows by brand name, and orders in that manner—because advertising has taught her how she should do it and why it is profitable for her to do so.

Imagine ordering from an unknown grocer: "Some breakfast food," "some bacon," "some coffee," "some bread," and so on, as in the olden days before national advertising became the powerful force it is today.

Defects In Modern Ships

Underwriter Lists Hazards In Address To Naval Architects

S. D. McComb, an underwriter of marine insurance, said before the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers at New York, that there were unnecessary structural hazards aboard even the most modern ships.

He claimed the hazards included unnecessary door sills or door sills that were too high, uncovered deck waterways and scuppers, faulty stair treads and stairs pitched at too steep an angle.

In 1931, he said, 3,307 accidents to passengers and crew were reported on 328 American ships. More than one-third of the accidents, he said, were caused by structural defects.

It will relieve a Cold—Colds are the commonest ailments of mankind and if neglected may lead to serious conditions. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will relieve the bronchial passages of inflammation speedily and thoroughly and will strengthen them against subsequent attack. And as it eases the inflammation it will usually stop the cough because it always the irritation in the throat. Try it and prove it.

Didn't Want That Beat

A young man from the country went to London to join the police force. He passed the medical examination, and then the officer in charge asked him if he had a good general knowledge.

"Yes, sir," came the reply.

"Then how far is it from London to Edinburgh?"

"Look here," said the young man, "if you're going to put me on that boat, I'd rather stay home and help father with the chickens."

DECLARE THEY HATE SIGHT OF DUST CLOTHS

Canadian women vote dust cloths a nuisance to use and to wash

MUCH PREFER APPLEFORD WONDER PAPER

With so much inventive thought being given to eliminating unnecessary housework, it is only natural that a worthwhile substitute for the dusty dust cloth should be sought.

Now it has been found! Appleford Wonder Paper which actually dusters—as it cleans—as it polishes as it receives a hearty welcome from Canadian women who detest dust cloths and all they stand for. Wonder Paper is made from clean rag and soft paper pulp, thoroughly impregnated with a high-grade furniture polish, and absorbs dirt instead of spreading it. Appleford Wonder Paper comes in handy-size packages, twenty-five sheets, each as large as a duster. You merely crumple a sheet into a soft wad, and go over the surface requiring attention.

You'll be amazed at the quick and lasting finish Wonder Paper gives. When one side is worn and soiled, simply turn the Wonder Paper inside out. After the furniture or woodwork has been gone over with it, you will still use your Wonder Paper on the floors.

And when you're through—throw it away. No duster to shake out or wash. No bother at all. The most obnoxious part of housework done in half the time and with half the effort. Doesn't the idea appeal to you?

Special Offer

Wonder Paper is made by the makers of the famous "Green Box" Most grocery, hardware and department stores sell Appleford Wonder Paper. If you don't, just send this coupon and we'll give you a new and unique booklet entitled "Leftovers," containing one hundred recipes, as a bonus for your trouble.

Appleford Paper Products, Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario.

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Wood Preservation Problems

Crescote Treatment Is Subject Of Investigation By Scientific Tests

With the increasing use of wood preservatives in extending the life of wood structures, problems are constantly being encountered the importance of which could not be foreseen in the early days of the development of this practice. One such problem is the "bleeding" of timbers after impregnation with crescote. By "bleeding" is meant the exudation of crescote to the surface of the timber, rendering it difficult to handle, and a menace to the wearing apparel of the workmen or others coming in contact with it. In the case of telephone poles on city streets "bleeding" may be a source of considerable annoyance. The Forest Products Laboratories of Canada, Forest Service, Department of the Interior, are investigating this problem, and at present have a large number of poles under observation. These were treated under pressure by several different methods, and it is hoped to be able from these experiments to determine the treatments most effective in preventing "bleeding."

Miller's Worm Powders will drive worms from the system without injury to the child. The powders are so easy to take that the most delicate stomach can assimilate them and welcome them as speedy easers of pain, because they promptly remove the worms that cause the pain, and thus the suffering of the child is relieved with so sterling a remedy at hand no child should suffer an hour from worms.

A Business Proposition

Owner Of Thatched Farmhouse Had Good Advertising Idea

A well-known artist was painting a beautiful thatched farmhouse.

The farmer was an interested on-looker.

Presently he said:

"I say, sir, what are you going to do with that picture of my cottage when you've finished it?"

"I shall send it to an exhibition, I expect," replied the artist.

The farmer was silent for a moment, then he said:

"Will many people see it?"

"Thousands, I hope," said the artist.

"Then," said the farmer, "would you mind putting on it: 'To be let during the summer months'?"

World war widows in Europe have married again at an average rate of 2,000 a year.



CHAPTER III.—Continued.

Down in Ontario, debating what path to take, Joyce had thought of asking her dad to come and live with her. From a money standpoint, considering her good salary, that was the sensible thing to do. But she had chosen to return here. At that time she had fully realized the secret and irresistible reason of her return. If anyone had told her that reason, she would have denied it hotly. But now, face to face with a personal tragedy which forced her to disillusioned thinking, she looked into her heart and saw there the real motive. It was Alan Baker who had drawn her. By degrees unknown, unperceived by her, girlhood friendship had deepened into love.

She had come back to be near Alan Baker. She had come back in the passionate hope that he and she would marry.

There had been an unspoken understanding between herself and Alan that when the road ahead was a little clearer for both of them, they would be married. And then Elizabeth had come. . . . Alan's engagement to Elizabeth had been a dazzling unexpected blow. When Bill, coming past on patrol, awkwardly blurted out the news of it, she had not believed. It took days of racked wanderings in the woods, weeks of helpless anguish, before the spirited strength and courage that were so great a part of Joyce, fought it out, and she steeled herself and began to believe.

But even now she did not fully accept. That engagement seemed strange to her. Though she knew nothing of Alan's secret motives, she did feel there was something behind it which Alan had told no one. It seemed to her, from what she had observed, that Alan had no passionate affection for Elizabeth.

Month after month Joyce had waited for word of his marriage. The word had not come. She wondered. . . . What was causing this long delay? She could only guess at possibilities, but during the lengthening months the belief had been born in her that something had arisen as a barrier to the marriage and that the engagement might be broken off.

When she thought of all these things and remembered how intimate and comradely she and Alan had been to one another, Joyce could not kill her lingering hope. As she stood there on the landing now, awaiting the patrol, with her heart thumping at the prospect of seeing Alan and talking to him once more, she knew that tonight she would come a little closer to discovering whether her wild guesses were truth or only wishful hoping.

Down the river a great yellow eye blinked through the trees. Swinging around a bend, it played up across the water. In a few moments more it picked her out, there on the landing; and Joyce stood motionless in the blinding shaft of the launch's searchlight. The craft came on and on until by shielding her eyes she distinguished its outline and caught the glitter of rifle steel.

The engine ceased. Skillfully, gently, the launch nosed in toward the landing. A figure stepped past the searchlight and stood holding the painter on the half-deck of the boat; and Joyce knew then, her eyes seeing only him, that Alan Baker had this patrol.

Joyce tried to welcome him calmly, but in that moment she was thankful for the deep twilight, and she stepped back a little, where the shadows of a low-sweeping balsam veiled her face. About the only ray of pride left to her was the fact that Alan Baker did not know or remotely guess her heart toward him.

With his first question, after their warm handclasp, he asked her: "Has anybody passed here lately, Joyce?"

"Not that I've seen. Nobody in the last four days."

"But surely they did! Were you here all day?"

Joyce noticed then a tautness in his voice, and she saw he had brought five men with him on this patrol. It

was no routine work, no ordinary pursuit, this time.

She answered: "I was out hunting this morning, and I slept a couple hours this afternoon. They might have passed then. But they couldn't have gone by while I was here and awake."

"What time were you asleep this afternoon, Joyce?"

"I can't exactly . . . our clock isn't . . . Probably from about four till six."

Alan half-turned to Hardsack: "Bill, you heard what Joyce said? They couldn't have reached here this morning, so they must have passed here after four. We're nearer up with them than I figured. We'd better stay here till the deep dark breaks. At night this way we can't sight those men on ahead. They'd hear the launch coming and dodge aside into some creek."

He turned again to her. "If it won't be imposing, Joyce, will you give us a bite to eat and some coffee?"

Imposing—an hour of his company, setting a meal for him, learning the truth of his relations with Elizabeth! But she merely nodded and invited the patrol up to the trading store.

Ahead of the men the two of them went up the path together, Alan shielding her from the brush overgrowing the trail; and as they went he told her briefly of the robbery, the murder; the escape up the Aloska.

The news fairly stunned Joyce, as it had him when Bill reported. "And with her there was an added reason, a reason that struck her with sudden force. Before Alan finished, she was grasping his arm in trembling fright. "My dad! He's on northeast, up river—up there somewhere! He's bringing down some furs. Alan! what if he runs into these men?"

"Good Lord!" Alan breathed to himself. "If they meet Dave . . . They're not the kind to let anybody go past alive and report their whereabouts!"

For Joyce's sake he tried to lie convincingly. "They may not meet him at all, Joyce. And if they do, why, they'd hardly shoot a man down wantonly. If for no other reason, it doesn't pay. They've got charges enough against them as it is. And they won't rob him; their canoes are riding heavy now."

He saw that he had succeeded with Joyce, for she began questioning him about the details of the robbery, wondering who these six strangers could be, and giving him some valuable information about the water stages on up the Aloska.

They went on back to the kitchen, and Joyce set about getting a meal for six tired hungry men. As he set extra plates and cups on the table, Alan asked himself:

"Isn't she wondering why I haven't been here so long? I'd think she would wonder at least why I stopped helping her about Dave. But she hasn't mentioned it; she must not have missed my help much. It was pretty shabby of me to stop like that, even if . . ."

He recalled how Elizabeth, jealous of the comradeship between him and Joyce, had asked him to let Bill attend to any patrol work up the Big Aloska. Elizabeth's references to "that MacMillan girl" had antagonized him at times. They seemed positively cruel, considering the hard times Joyce was in.

A question from the girl broke into his thoughts.

"When are you and Elizabeth going to be married, Alan?"

Her question, or rather the way she asked it, hurt Alan, for some reason he could not exactly word. Her voice was so very casual, as though she had not even a friend's interest in his marriage. Could it be possible that he and Joyce, once so intimate and so near to each other that they had spoken of children and a life together, were now casually discussing his marriage to another girl?

He said, "We haven't—we're—we don't exactly know yet."

There was a pause. A swift cloud had flown into Joyce's cheeks; a little feverishly she was repeating to herself those surprising words: "He doesn't know yet, he doesn't know yet! Does that mean—mean he's doubtful if it will ever be?"

"But it'll be this summer, I suppose?" she questioned, poking at the stove and still not looking at Alan. "I don't know. Yes, I guess so, Joyce." Then he explained reluctantly, "Elizabeth wants me to get out of the Mounted."

Joyce gasped: "Out of the Mounted—she could not imagine such a thing. The work was a part of Alan. What would he do without it? And what would Fort Endurance do without him?"

She said: "But Alan! What would you turn to? The Mounted has been your work—"

"Well, I've got the offer of a job down in Victoria. It's pretty good, as far as money goes, and Elizabeth would like it there. I haven't exactly decided. It's a big step to take."

Those few reluctant sentences were a revelation to Joyce, like a white light beating upon something which had been dark to her. Alan didn't want to go! Elizabeth was trying to force him. She wanted to live in a city; she wanted the things which that salary would bring her; she was using Alan to get what she wanted. But she and Alan were not of one mind! If he really loved her, deeply and passionately, would he be so reluctant, would he allow anything on earth to come between them?

Joyce dared not ask him anything further; then, he might add a word that would destroy this new-born hope. But a hundred thoughts were running wild through her. "Suppose he doesn't yield to Elizabeth! Suppose he won't go! Then she won't marry him! She'll throw him over for Haskell; that's what she'll surely do. Bill says she and Haskell are together all the time. Alan's away from Fort Endurance. Isn't that the reason?—she's not sure of Alan yielding; and if she can't have her way with him she'd like to be an inspector's wife!"

With swift unerring insight Joyce saw the all-crucial question: Would Alan get out of the Mounted? She was still uncertain what he truly felt for Elizabeth, but from his own lips she had learned one thing which an hour ago she had scarcely dared hope could be true. The marriage was not sure; it might never be!

In her abjectness she whispered to herself: "I don't care if he does like her. I don't. I don't care! If she throws him over, then we'll be friends again, then he'll come here to me again; and then—after that . . ."

To Be Continued.

Flying Boat Like Pullman

Aviatix To Have Charge If Craft Crosses Atlantic

A gigantic yacht of the air is being primed for a flight across the Atlantic when the open season for this sort of thing arrives next spring or early next summer. The flying boat, completed by the Supermarine Vickers Co., will be in charge of another daring woman of the skies, Mrs. J. J. James of London, England. Just now it is on a test cruise in Mediterranean waters.

Sleeping quarters, wardrobes and bookcases are built in the hull of the big three-engined ship which resembles a winged Pullman. It is called the "Windward III," and with a full load of fuel for its powerful Armstrong-Siddeley motors, weighs about two and a half tons.

While the exact destination of Mrs. James, should she go through with the flight, is not definitely known, it has been reported Montreal and New York city are two of the points to be visited if a successful crossing is made. Thomas, Rose, formerly a flight lieutenant in the Royal Air Force, will pilot the ship. Its high-lift monoplane wing is 92 feet from tip to tip. The "Windward's" power units are mounted in the leading edge of the wing, in the centre and on both sides of the hull.

Many mothers have reason to bless Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator, because it has relieved the little ones of suffering and made them healthy.

French Officer Grateful

Sends Present To German Who Rescued Him During War

After 15 years a hand has stretched across no man's land to drive the wolf away from the door of Hans Schultz, an unemployed laborer.

During 1917 Schultz rescued a French officer who was badly wounded. They exchanged letters as the Frenchman convalesced in a hospital. Schultz, who has been without work for eight months, recently received a letter from his French friend with 400 francs as a "Christmas present." The officer explained he had just run across the German's name in an old diary and wanted to renew the friendship.

Canned goods imported into England in the last year were valued at \$355,000,000.

Tragic Story Revived

At Paris Exposition

Precious Relics Of Ill-Fated Napoleon Being Shown

The memory of Napoleon and his blinding epoch forever is being revived at Paris. This time it is the retrospective exposition in connection with the centenary of the king of Rome, about whom the drama of L'Aiglon has preserved the tragic story of the great emperor's dynastic hopes.

The exposition is being held in the restored orangerie of the Tuilleries Gardens. For weeks, cases arrived under guard containing the precious relics of the ill-fated prince. Museums and private individuals have loaned their mementoes of the young Bonaparte, who, among his titles, usually was known in Austria as the Duc de Reichstadt. The souvenirs are in charge of the Baronne and Baron Jean de Bourgoing, who were designated by Count Clauzel, French minister to Austria.

The exposition includes objects arousing memories for those who still muse over the Napoleonic legend. Among these is the little gilded carriage of the King of Rome; the large arm chair in which the Duc de Reichstadt passed his last days on the terrace of Schoenbrunn; the prince's hat, in the form of the hat of his illustrious father; his seal; his desk; his pen. There also is Marie-Louise's jewel case, her portrait by Gerard, and many beautiful miniatures, engravings and other personal objects connected with the early days of the little king.

A Satisfactory Answer

Alberta Girl, Once Tiniest Baby, Now Big and Strong

What becomes of "tiny" babies? Do they ever grow up to be healthy and strong? Here is the story of one of the smallest babies ever born, today one of the brightest normal girls in the province of Alberta.

Orva, Mary, daughter of B. McNeill, Standoff, Alberta, weighed just 12½ ounces at birth. She was wrapped in cotton and silk under a glass case, for many weeks and fed with a medicine dropper—a drop of food at a time. She was bathed in oil and kept at an abnormally high temperature. Later a cigar-box was her crib and cradle. Clothes she first wore later did service for her dolls.

When she was born, on Nov. 19, 1918, the doctor said she would not live. Today, she is eldest of five children and takes a motherly care of the younger ones.

Children Reading More

Statement of London Librarian Is

Children of today have the library habit and read much more than was the case twenty years ago. This opinion is given by a London librarian, and few will challenge it. But is it a matter only for satisfaction?

Nobody would be foolish enough to deny the value of books to children, but there is a danger today that our young bookworms may become a little too studious.

An occasional low game of cowboys and Indians—or is it gangsters and cops nowadays?—will do a boy quite as much good as the most improving book ever written—London Sunday Pictorial.

High Cost Of Ignorance

What World Is Principally Suffering From Today

The high cost of education is causing considerable concern. The editor of the Oakville, Ontario, Record, wonders why, at a time when the world is suffering principally from the high cost of ignorance.

But the brilliance of the epigram should not obscure the fact that many of the most learned men and women learned why they know at less cost than is involved in the turning out of a high-school pupil who may, or may not, be able to spell.

A Real Asthma Relief. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has never been achieved by extravagant statements. Its claims are conservative indeed, when judged by the benefits which it performs. Expect relief and permanent benefit when you buy this remedy and you will not have cause for disappointment. It gives permanent relief in many cases where other so-called remedies have utterly failed.

Helium From Lithium

Disintegration of lithium atoms at the rate of approximately 100 a minute thereby transmitting crystals of this lightest of all metallic elements into helium was described at Pasadena, California, to the American Physical Society by Dr. M. Stanley Livingston and Prof. E. O. Lawrence, University of California Physicists.

Only Two Icebergs Seen

Hudson Straits Safe For Navigation During Winter Season

Five steamers carried grain over the Churchill route this summer without even having insurance. They experienced no trouble and saw no icebergs. During the entire shipping season only one iceberg was sighted in the straits besides the one struck by the "Bright Fan."

Such was the statement of Henry Aabey, engineer in the employ of the federal department of railways and canals, who spent the summer and fall in the north.

He stated that Captain Poole made a trip on the "Ocean Eagle" up to the Foxe Channel and the Foxe Basin before navigation opened up, to see if there was any ice coming down that would enter the Hudson Straits in the latter part of August. On this trip north he discovered that the ice had all gone out of the channels, leaving the straits open for safe navigation. He so reported to the government.

Mr. Aabey also stated that only one iceberg was sighted by the French boat "Serenice," the first boat to enter Churchill Harbor for the navigation season.

Mr. Aabey is very enthusiastic over the feasibility of the Churchill route.

THE RHYMING OPTIMIST

By Aline Michaels

AT NIGHTFALL

The bleak glare threatens; fierce and shrill Are its refrains, And suggest a field and hill Its voice complains.

The wind grows louder now. With storm Comes dusk today. Only the arms of love can charm My fears away.

Only the arms of love to hold Me warm and near; And wild winds of stress, To fold All sweetness here!

About me friendless lands are laid And wild winds of stress, While ever bold creep night's shade And loneliness.

No warriors' ranks, no monarch's might Could make fear cease; Love's arms, alone, can vanquish night And bring me peace!

Buffalo For New South Wales

Government May Ship Specimen From Wainwright For New Zealand Zoo

Canada has offered specimens of the far-famed Canadian buffalo to New South Wales. The desire of the Antipodean Government to build up the Tarango Zoological Park Trust in the New Zealand province recently was made known to this Dominion. The offer of Sir George Perley, acting prime minister, followed.

One Canadian buffalo bull and two cows comprise the offer. The specimens would come from the Buffalo Park at Wainwright, Alberta.

If the offer is accepted, specimens of mammals or birds indigenous to New Zealand may be shipped to Canada.

Wild Enormous Power

Papers In Britain Have 70,000,000 Circulation In Week

Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, as the chief guest at the 105th festival dinner of the Printers' Pensions Corporation in London, England, spoke of the influence of the newspapers. He said he had been told that the circulation of papers published in England ran into the region of 70,000,000 a week. He had long since come to the conclusion that the powers of the newspaper world were more autocratic than those of anyone else in Europe.

Good Number Qualified

Two great-grandmothers and 94 great-grandmothers attended "Great-grandmothers' Day," held recently in Melbourne, Australia, by the Carlton Methodist Mission. Only great-grandmothers "and up" were invited. "Senior member" was Mrs. Keegan, a great-great-grandmother of 95. One of the proudest was Mrs. Hopkinson, aged 77, who has had 20 children.

Music Resemblance

A striking resemblance between the music of the Athabasca Indians and that of the Chinese has been discovered by Dr. Marius Barbeau of the archeological department of the national museum of Ottawa.

There are 209 rooms in Buckingham Palace.

Little Helps For This Week

"Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness."—Colossian 1:2.

God doth not need Either man's works or His own gifts; who best Bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best; His state Is kingly: thousands at His bidding speed, And post o'er land and ocean without rest; They also serve who only stand and wait.

—J. Milton.

We cannot always be doing a great work, but we can always be doing something that belongs to our condition. To be silent, to suffer, to pray when we cannot act, is acceptable to God. A disappointment, a contradiction, a harsh word, an annoyance, a wrong received and endured as in His presence, is worth more than a long prayer, and we do not lose time if we bear its loss with gentleness and patience, provided the loss was inevitable and was not caused by our own fault.—Fenelon.

Prospectors Stake Claims

Ottawa Reports Great Activity In Great Bear Lake Area

According to reports reaching Ottawa, a great many mineral claims have already been staked in the area adjacent to Great Bear Lake, Northwest Territories, and there is every likelihood that many more will be staked this summer. Some prospectors have already gone in by aeroplane and others are planning to go in by water transport as soon as the ice goes out. In view of this great activity the topographical survey, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, has reprinted the manual respecting the survey of mineral claims in Dominion lands for the use of Dominion land surveyors who may be called upon to make official surveys of these claims.

Wheat Market Competitors

Australia and Argentina Are Now Marketing Their Crops

Marketing of southern hemisphere crops says a wheat review of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, will materially change the general situation that has existed since the beginning of the present crop year. Since August Canada has pretty well dominated the world export market.

For the balance of the crop year, Canada will have two important competitors, Australia and Argentina, in the wheat market, assuming that the United States will not greatly change its present relationship to external markets.

Keep Douglas' Egyptian Liniment handy. A sure, speedy remedy for burns, sprains, felons, blood poisoning, scold's milk, scald feet. Invaluable in rheumatism and muscular rheumatism.

Radium In North

Two Grammes Of Precious Mineral From Great Bear Lake District

Two grammes of radium have been extracted from pitchblende found in the north country around Great Bear Lake and will be placed on the market soon. The first Great Bear Lake radium produced. This is the report brought to Calgary by H. B. Montgomery and Pete Davidson, prominent northland prospectors, who have just completed months of work at Great Bear Lake silver and pitchblende fields.

Exact Heavy Toll

A toll of 33,500 deaths and injuries to more than 1,000,000 people was exacted by traffic accidents in the United States during 1931. The National conference on street and highway safety estimates the economic loss of the accidents, together with traffic congestion, at more than \$3,000,000,000.

A soil survey of Saskatchewan, which was commenced in 1921, is now nearing completion.

A ship's captain is empowered to conduct a marriage ceremony on his boat if the occasion arises.

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CHEESE WAFERS— Dainty wafers in fancy tins. The tin is worth the price.	39c
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J. A. Hedley

IRMA ALBERTA

Notice to Ratepayers

NOTICE is hereby given as provided
for by Sections 14 and 21 of the
Municipal Hospitals Act, 1929, that
subject to the vote of the ratepayers
affected, the following lands, namely:

Municipal District No. 453
Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14 and
N.E. 1-4 10, of Township 47,
Range 8, west of the 4th meridian,
1933, between the Mannville
Municipal Hospital District No. 1, and
added to the Wainwright Municipal
Hospital District No. 17.
The Minister of Health has directed
that a vote of the ratepayers be taken
on Saturday, the 28th day of January,
1933, between the hours of 9 a.m. and
6 p.m.

Under the provisions of Section
29 of the Municipal Hospitals Act,
1929, persons as under are entitled to
vote:

- ratepayers liable to pay municipal taxes in respect of property situated in the area which it is proposed to add to or detach from the hospital district, and
- all persons who on the day of the poll subscribe to either of the declarations set out in Form B in the schedule of this Act.

Poll Description of Poll
Place Avonlea School
Deputy
Returning Officer
S.W. 1-4 2-47-8-9-4.

I hereby give notice that on Saturday,
the 4th day of February, 1933,
at the hour of 2 o'clock at the Town
Hall, Wainwright, I will open the bal-
lot box, count the ballots and officially
declare the votes for and against.

WILLIAM NEW,
Returning Officer.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
The annual school meeting of the
Crescent Hill District was held on
Saturday, January 7th. A good rep-
resentation turned out and the busi-
ness of the day was done in good
style. Mr. U. Steel was the retiring
trustee and Mr. J. Stougard was
elected to fill his place.

TO TRADE—Fresh heifers and cows,
for work horses; also potatoes want-
ed. See J. J. Overbo, Kinsella.

Main Street

Mr. T. Olsen of the Nu-Way staff
at Westlock has been transferred to
Irma as manager, to succeed Mr.
N. S. Johnson. Mr. Olsen has moved
into the house recently vacated by
Mr. Carbol.

At the annual meeting of Sunny
Brook S.D., Mr. C. E. Fenton was
elected trustee in place of Mr. M. D.
Aikin, whose term had expired.
Do you know that the annual meet-
ing of the Irma high school district
will be held in the school on Janu-
ary 21st?

The January meeting of the Cres-
cent Hill U.F.A. was held in the
school on January 9th, with a full
house, including a number of visitors.
After the usual business, a good hour
of community singing was enjoyed.
Sanders' orchestra helping with the
music. Mr. Sanders was elected as
delegate to the forthcoming conven-
tion.

A party was held at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. H. Peterson on Friday,
January 6th, sponsored by Messrs.
Jack and Clayton Peterson. A good
time was had by all.

**Mrs. E. A. Ousterhaut Is
Head of Irma W.M.S.**

The annual meeting of the W.M.S.
held at Mrs. Arnold's, elected the
main officers for the ensuing year,
namely:
President—Mrs. E. A. Ousterhaut.
First vice-president—Mrs. T. M.
Reeds.
Second vice-president—Mrs. R. E.
Elford.

Treasurer—Mrs. M. Arnold.
Secretary—Mrs. M. Tripp.
Finance—Mrs. A. H. Locke.
The executive held a meeting at
Mrs. Tripp's on Tuesday of this week
when the remaining officers were
filled and annual reports completed
to send to headquarters.

The treasurer's report showed that
\$129.25 had been sent in—that means
"going over the top" by \$9.25.
The following secretaries took their
offices:

Social convener and temperance—
Mrs. A. H. Locke
Secretary of Herald—Mrs. B. F.
Shaw.
Secretary of baby band—Mrs. D.
Simmons.
Secretary of strangers—Mrs. M.
Johnson.
Secretary of press—Mrs. M. C. Car-
ter.
Secretary of correspondence—Mrs.
M. C. Frickleton.
Secretary of supply—Mrs. L. I.
King.
Secretary of associate helpers—
Mrs. A. G. Enger.
Secretary mission band—Mrs. B.
L. Geeson.
Flower committee—Mrs. Frickleton
and Mrs. Tripp.
Circulating library—Mrs. A. M.
Pletcher.

Those taking the different heralds
are:
Temperance—Mrs. B. L. Geeson.
Foreword—Mrs. A. M. Pletcher.
Japan—Mrs. M. Johnson.
Africa—Mrs. D. Simmons.
China—Mrs. C. T. Hill.
India—Mrs. P. Masson.
Canada—Mrs. A. G. Enger.
Trinidad—Mrs. M. C. Carter.
The January meeting will be held
at the home of Mrs. Locke on Thurs-
day, January 19. All the members and
friends are cordially invited.

Report of Irma Young Peoples' Society

Sunday evening found an attend-
ance of fourteen seated and waiting
for the program prepared for us.
Some favorite hymns were requested,
after which Mr. Reeds was asked by
the president to make his stand to
speak to his audience. This speech
or talk was very inspiring and up-
lifting to us as young people, intro-
ducing to us the benefits of the Ox-
ford Movement, how prisoners are
converted, how slaves feel free and
changed, how roaming youths heed
the call and pass the message on to
others. Young people, this may be
a message to you. Come to our
meetings.

A few questions were answered
and opinions expressed on this Movement,
after the speech. This was
followed by the closing exercises with
a prayer and hymn, Mrs. Geeson at
the piano.

It's the 'Flu'
A man in a neighboring town after
an experience with the flu, wrote the
following poem so that people will be
able to recognize the 'flu' germ when
they see one:

"When your back is broke
And your eyes are blurred,
And your shin bones knock
And your tongue is furred;
And your tonsils sneeze,
And your hair gets dry,
And you're doggoned sure
You're going to die;
And you're scared you won't
And afraid you will—
Just drag to bed
And have your chill.
And pray the Lord
To see you through,
For you've got the 'flu'.
Boy, you've got the 'flu'.
"When your toes curl up
And your belt goes flat,
And you're twice as mean
As a Thomas cat;
And life is a long
And dismal curse,
And your food all tastes
Like a hard-boiled ham;
When your lattices ache
And your head's a-buzz,
And nothing
As it ever was,
Here am I sad
Regrets to you,
For you've got the 'flu'.
Boy, you've got the 'flu'.
"Is your wife taking exercises as I
prescribed?" asked doctor at a
field of a local citizen. "Well, if jump-
ing at conclusions and running up
bills can be called exercises she is get-
ting plenty of it," was the reply.

NOTES OF INTEREST OF BUSY KINSELLA

Kinsella, January 11.

Mr. Claude Wachter returned from
Edmonton Thursday morning to spend
the rest of the winter at his home
here.

Mr. Elmer Davis of Bruce has been
visiting at the home of his brother
here for the past week.
Miss Isabel McKie spent the week
end at the E. R. Horinek home.

Miss Lucille Mark visiting at the
Holt ranch near Jarrow.
Miss Marian Watson returned to
her school duties on Saturday
after spending the holidays with her
parents north east of town.

A very enjoyable time was had
by all attending the hard times
dance held last Friday evening. Prizes
going to Mrs. A. Maguire and Mr.
F. Murray, the merry-makers orches-
tra dressed as coms, helped to make
the evening a very amusing affair.
Messrs. E. C. Williams and R. L.
Eaton motored to Edmonton Wed-
nesday afternoon.

Mr. J. F. Murray shipped a car
load of cattle to Edmonton on Tues-
day.

Mr. L. O. Leary went to Viking
hospital Tuesday evening to receive
treatment.

Miss Cora Murry is convalescing
from a very severe burn which she
received last week.

Irma Hockey Team Lose to Viking, 7 to 1

The Irma hockey boys japed up
to Viking ice Monday, January 9th,
to try their luck with the Viking
pucksters. They found their oppo-
nents ready with pay and stick to
avenge for their previous defeat at
Irma.

Well, to make a long story short,
Viking got their revenge and downed
Irma by 7 to 1. The home team boys
played gamely and hard but the speed
and fish shown by the victors was
just too much for Irma. We are
proud of our one goal, however, as it
was secured in beautiful fashion and
unassisted play by Frank Maguire,
our flash centre man.

Irma's line up was as follows: goal,
B. Sharkey; defence, C. Bruno, G.
Fischer; forwards, M. Knudson, F.
Maguire, E. Sharkey, H. Larson, W.
Mitchell and A. Howard.
The next game on home ice will
be against Tofield, on Monday, Janu-
ary 16. Don't miss this, folks, as our
boys are going to try hard to take
Tofield into camp.

L.O.L. No. 2066, Elects 1933 Slate of Officers

County Master Wm. Clasper of
Ribstone was an honored guest at
the last regular meeting of the Irma
L.O.L. No. 2066. The following of-
ficers for the ensuing year were in-
stalled by Bro. Clasper, assisted by
Bro. J. Watson, W. Hutchison and P.
Yenn.

Past W. M.—Bro. Wm. Cole.
Worshipful Master—Bro. Jas. Jack-
son.
Deputy Master—Bro. J. H. Armitage.
Recording Secretary—Bro. Thos.
Askin.

Financial Secretary—Bro. Martin
Enger.
Treasurer—Bro. Jas. Stead.
Director of Ceremonies—Bro. G.
Fenton.
First Lecturer—Bro. Fenton Nash.
Second Lecturer—Bro. Thompson.
First Committeeman—Bro. Robt.
Stone.
Second Committeeman—Bro. Jack
McFarland.
Committeemen—Bros. Chas. Archi-
bald, Wm. Nash, Dan Matheson, Jack
Dunbar.

Jarrow L. A. Meets at Home of Minister

Just arrived at the U.G.G. Elev-
ator, a car load of Penn coal,
was monthly meeting of the ladies'
aid, met on Wednesday, January 3rd,
at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Taylor,
12 ladies being present. It was de-
cided to postpone a play in the near
future. After the business meeting,
an enjoyable social period followed.
Mrs. Taylor served dainty refresh-
ments.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Christensen at-
tended the New Year's ball in Irma
with their family.

Mr. L. Treachel was a business
visitor in Wainwright on Thursday.
While in Wainwright New Year's Day,
Russell Alexander had the misfor-
tune of hurting his foot. We are
sorry to say that Russell has been
confined to his home the last week
but is improving.

On Saturday afternoon, the teach-
ers of the United Sunday school held
a belated Christmas party in the
church, for the Sunday school schol-
ars. Games were played until 5
o'clock, when a long table was
brought in, and 27 boys and girls
sat down to dainty refreshments.
After lunch, Mrs. Waite, the super-
intendent, presented each scholar
with a small token of remembrance.
The Misses Bothwell (Reta and
Clara), have returned from their
Christmas holidays to take up their
duties here.

On Tuesday evening, January 10,
the regular meeting of the Irma
Jarrow Community Club was held in
the hall. After all business had
been completed, the meeting took the
form of a courtship party, con-
sisting of seven tables. After an en-
joyable time, a dainty lunch was served
at 11:30, after which all joined in
singing "God Save the King."

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